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THE SAME ✓

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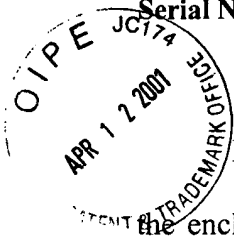
In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, the enclosed information is submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The information is identified on the attached PTO Form-1449

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 08/982,478 filed on December 2, 1997. The references identified on the attached Form PTO-1449 were submitted to and/or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application and, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are not required to be provided in this application.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner fully consider each of the documents, initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 in the appropriate place to indicate that the document has been considered, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

No action on the merits has yet been received, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), no fee is believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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